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Park Authority to Break Ground at Lake Fairfax Park For Synthetic Turf Fields And New Core Area

Groundbreaking ceremonies will take place this Saturday, July 7, 2007 at noon at Lake Fairfax Park in Reston for improvements to the core area of the 476-acre park located in Reston as well as two, much needed synthetic turf field conversion projects. The new facilities will cost \$7 million in 1998 and 2006 Park Bond funding, and will update facilities at the popular park known for the Water Mine waterpark, campgrounds, an 18-acre lake and a host of picnic pavilions, athletic fields, a carousel and walking trails.

The Park Authority will begin Phase II construction at Lake Fairfax Park with a new administration building, restroom facilities, vending kiosk, parking area and related site improvements. Under the 1998 Park Bond program, redevelopment of the core area was approved. However, due to the substantial cost, the redevelopment project was separated into a multi-phase effort. Corning Construction of Beltsville, MD will serve as general contractor.

Phase I improvements included the construction of an ADA accessible lakefront marina with a boardwalk, boathouse and floating docks which were completed in 2006. The phase II improvements will be completed by December 2008.

In February, 2007 the Park Authority Board approved the scope to design and install synthetic turf for fields #1 and #4. The \$1.7 million project will be completed by this November and represents a significant increase in field capacity, reduced maintenance and improved drainage on the field. Players also enjoy the benefits of a state-of-the-art field surface that is playable year-round and need not be closed for seeding, inclement weather or the application of pesticides. Atlas Track, Incorporated of Tualatin, Oregon will serve as general contractor.

Lake Fairfax Park is located at 1400 Lake Fairfax Drive in Reston. Ceremonies will take place near the existing Lattice pavilion. Please arrive early as parking will be challenging due to anticipated heavy park usage. For directions and maps visit us online at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/parks/lakefairfax/lkffxdirections.htm>.

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